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TO : Deputy Director of Training (General)

FROM : Chief, Orientation and Briefing Division

SUBJECT: Weekly Report (11-17 December 1952)

DATE: 18 December 1952

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I. INDOCTRINATION

- 1) On Monday, 15 December, [REDACTED] newcomers attended the Indoctrination. The number is unusually high for this time of the year. Perhaps its size is attributable in some measure to the decision that no program will be conducted on the 29th of December, which is Monday between Christmas and New Year's.
- 2) During these weekly programs, we have always had a good opportunity of cleansing peculiar thoughts that people had about intelligence in general and our Agency in particular. Today this task is more challenging because of the many editorials, newspaper stories, magazine articles, etc., which are now appearing about the structure of the National Security Council, the re-organization of Government, the place of intelligence in Government, etc. We feel that our efforts are successful in eliminating much erroneous thinking from the minds of persons entering our Agency.

II. ORIENTATION

- 1) The official report on the Eighth CIA Orientation Course was submitted on Wednesday, 17 December. The format of this report is more complete than any of our previous similar reports.

III. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Though the Presentations Programs will not be resumed until Wednesday, 21 January 1953, we have already had one informal discussion with Mr. Maloon (Personnel Director) about adequate preparation on the personnel topics which will be covered in these programs. We have also heard from [REDACTED] (Chief, General Services) that he is preparing oral material and visual aids to give the presentation for his subject field.

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IV. SPECIAL

1) Apparently our efforts with the Office of Scientific Intelligence to adequately prepare themselves for their appearance at the Strategic Intelligence School paid worthwhile dividends. We have already relayed information to [REDACTED] that the SIS reaction to his efforts and those who went there with him was quite favorable.

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2) The Director of Training notified the Chief, Orientation and Briefing Division, about the approval of the request to speak at the intelligence course at Maxwell Air Force Base during the month of February.

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